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Propavlovsk, the oblast center on Kamchatka, has at present 70 ductors and several hospitals with a total of 420 beds. The maternity home has been completely websilt. In addition, there are many other medical facilities which afford excellent madical service to the population. This has been made possible, to a great degree, by a realization by the higher authorities that development of this eastern region can be accomplished only by healthy people. This realization has had a noticeable effect on the budget, which in 1949 was three times the 1938 budget of 33 million rubbes.

Today there are 700 medical workers stationed on Kanchatka. It has now been possible to improve the medical service available to the population of Kanchatta. For example, in the past year the medical facilities of Chukotsk Mational Okrug were increased by five loctor's offices, 15 midwife and obstruction points, three child and raternity walfers centers, and five rest homes with a total of 112 beds. There is also a well-equipped Sanitation and Spidemiological Station. Moreover, most of these institutions are located in the tundras, far from any railroad lines.

Authorities of the Colast Public Health Department are well aware of their responsibilities to the inhabitants of the USER's newest frontier, and dispatch special commissions at frequent intervals to keep in touch with the needs of even the most remote outposts. Specialists in 1949 examined more than 3,000 tundra dwellers and reported that they delivered 2.5 times more babies than in 1947.

Medical facilities for the laborers are also constantly improving. The products of Kanchatka fisheries are an important item in the Soviet economy, and it behooves the authorities to guarantee a good supply of healthy workers. All of the fisheries have their own medical facilities, and some of the

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installations at larger fisheries are rath. Plaborate. For example, the Fishery imeni Mikoyan, on the west coset of the peninsula, is equipped with a hospital and a dispensary for ambulatory patients. In addition, there is a dispensary for bed patients with facilities for 35 people. Tents are clean, warm, and comfortable, while the tent used for deliveries is without equal. Generally the care of infants and mothers is very good.

Another example of good care for maternity cases can be found at the midwife and obstetrician point at khayruzovo. The supervisor of this medical point care to kamchatka two years ago and since then has been foremost in the ranks of those striving for improved medical service for the inhabitants. There are many more like her, thus explaining the excellent service being afforded by the 115-odd medical stations on the peninsula.

Young doctors arriving on Kamchatka and assigned to one of the remote outposts find their tasks difficult. They are far away from large settlements, and it is almost impossible for them to consult more experienced doctors if they have difficult cases. It is therefore most important that these young doctors take the special courses given at the Khabarovsk Medical Institute or the various hospitals in letropavlovsk before being assigned to the field.

So far only the favorable aspects of medical service on Kamchatka have been asscribed. There are, however, many aspects which must be improved. For example the authorities of Koryak National Okrug have not organized any field commissions for the past 2 years. Naturally, the question arises as to whether or not these administrers are aware of the needs of the inhabitants under their jurisdiction. Supply warehouses in Petropavlovsk are not short on any item, but medical services in Koryak National Okrug lack some of the most important medicinal preparations.

In the future, research should be conducted to determine the causes of diseases in the far north. Field trips by competent specialists should be made more frequently to obtain up-to-date information on the needs of northern inhabitants. The Coviet Party and state are depending on the medical profession to guarantee the successful completion of plans which have been drawn up for the development of Kamchatka Peninsula.

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